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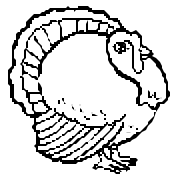
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on whole body hens and toms was steady to mostly fully steady. Offerings were uneven. Trading was active in all regions for shipments through September at open prices. Ceilings ranged from 62 to 68 cents on hens, 57 to 67 cents on toms. Domestic trading on bulk meats and parts was fair.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export activity was moderate. Trading was heavy on fresh and frozen tom drums, light on hen full cut wings, tom v-type wings, tom necks, thigh trim, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Exports to Mexico and Asia were most active. Inquiries for export to Russia found sellers hesitant to book product at present time.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 25, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	2160	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	1600	MAY-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	1920	MAY-SEP
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	2960	APR-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	MAY-SE
WESTERN REGION 5/	55-56	-	-	-	-	-	-	2640	MAY-SEP

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.20 **	60.00	65.10
CENTRAL REGION	59.00 **	58.17	65.50
WESTERN REGION	60.20 **	60.00 **	63.70 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	55.20 **	55.00	60.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	54.60 **	54.05	60.00 **
WESTERN REGION	55.20 **	55.00 **	61.00 **

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	65
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	60-61
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS

		(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	66.60	100	61.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	66.60	100	61.60	50
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MARCH	414,323*
APRIL 1-20, 2002	286,126*
To date 2002	1,517,430*
To date 2001	1,590,782*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2002  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS			
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	884	3	22.86	(A)	885	22.86
SATL	831	8	29.01	(A)	832	29.01
N CENT	2,095	-9	31.04	(A)	2,095	31.04
S CENT	482	3	22.83	(A)	482	22.83
WEST	412	-3	22.60	(A)	412	22.60
U.S. TOTAL	4,704(B)	-3	27.57	2	4,706	27.57
TO-DATE						
2002	70,278(B)			114	70,392	
TO-DATE						
2001	73,628(B)			249	73,877	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 80,000 for the year 663,000; last year to date 606,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,936	2,688	80	2	4,706
AVG WT	16.21	35.85	24.06	39.32	27.57
LAST WEEK	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
SAME WK YR AGO	1,806	2,572	38	14	4,430
AVG WT	16.24	35.21	22.04	30.91	27.34
TO-DATE/2002	28,101	41,514	663	114	70,392
TO-DATE/2001	31,073	41,949	606	249	73,877

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 25 APRIL 2002.

Bulk parts undertone was steady to firm on hen 2-joint wings, steady to fully steady on tom drums, tom 2-joint wings and necks steady to barely steady, balance of parts items about steady. Demand for tom drums ranged slow to moderate, balance light. Concern continued to be noted about the production problems in the East and exports to Russia. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings light at best, tom drums light to adequate, necks and tom 2-joint wings adequate to fully adequate, balance adequate for buyers' needs. Domestic and export trading slow. Livers traded at 20.50 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	24.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50		23.50	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	39.57	35
NECKS, TOM		T	18.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	122.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	126.00	40
THIGH MEAT		F	51.50	160
THIGH MEAT—FRESH				
BREAST TRIM MEAT	92.00-97.00		96.00	200
SCAPULA MEAT		M	87.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	120.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	120.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	63.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	13.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00		12.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	208
TAILS	23.00		23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.00		11.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	53.50	104

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 APRIL 2002.

Thigh meat was unsettled. Inquiries for Russian approved thigh meat found availability limited. Otherwise, thigh meat was at least adequate into other export channels and for domestic needs. Breast meat was available at steady prices and buyers looking for discounts were less than successful. Export trading was moderate. Hen full cut wings moved at 21.5 delivered port, tom necks 17 port, and thigh trim 31 cents. A fair volume of fresh and frozen tom drums traded at open prices to the border for May shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00		95.00	120	95.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	40	23.74	243
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	23.00		23.00	160	23.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.00		24.00	20	23.70	185
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	20	23.50	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	60	23.66	166
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	28.00	11	27.05	21
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	40.00		40.00	20	41.26	115
NECKS, TOM	17.00		17.00	20	18.00	100
NECKS, HEN	17.00		17.00	20	17.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	125.00		125.00	200	125.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	126.00	40	126.00	40
THIGH MEAT	50.00		50.00	120	50.00	120
THIGH MEAT—FRESH						
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	96.00	200	96.36	440
SCAPULA MEAT	89.00		89.00	10	87.67	90
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	130.00		130.00	20	130.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	20	64.67	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	11.00		11.00	7	12.83	87
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	12.00		12.00	40	11.43	688
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00-24.00		23.34	628	24.06	1,792
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104	29.00	364
TAILS		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.00		13.00	80	11.80	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	52	56.45	1,628

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